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Community pulls together in response to housing fire

Four junior enlisted families are displaced when four-plex apartments lost in blaze

By Skip Vaughn

The two longtime fire inspectors had never seen anything like it.

Sure, they'd seen devastating fires like the one that destroyed a four-plex family housing unit April 12. But it was the community's response that impressed Art Murtha and Jim Hughes, fire prevention inspectors/investigators at Redstone Arsenal Fire and Emergency Services.

"Certainly we appreciate the cooperation of all the various organizations on the installation that made both our job and the obvious hardship on the families easier to deal with," Murtha said.

Murtha, a nine-year veteran of the fire department, and Hughes, 13 years there, agreed that they'd never seen a community pull together like this. As a result the four displaced families from 507 Walnut Circle received assistance and had a place to stay on post. And the fire inspectors were able to quickly determine the cause of the blaze: A natural gas line coming into the residence was leaking underground and the gas reached a barbecue grill which had been lit by one of the occupants.

"Anything we needed, required, everyone pitched in and helped," Hughes said.

The government loss was about \$175,000. And the personal losses amounted to about \$158,000 for the soldiers and their families.

At about 4:30 p.m. April 12, one of the soldiers and his 3-year-old son were at home. The boy went out the back door and saw the fire. He told his father who then rushed him from the residence. A neighbor across the street saw the fire and dialed 911. Upon arrival by the fire trucks, the



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DESTROYED— A four-plex at 507 Walnut Circle was lost to fire April 12. Fortunately nobody was injured.

structure was in flames. The two-story, four-plex had a carport in the center with two apartments on each side.

"The fire was concentrated in and around the carport extending upward to the exterior of the roof, on either side of the carport," Murtha said. "Firefighters working feverishly were able to bring the fire under control after approximately an hour."

Redstone firefighters requested and received assistance from Huntsville Fire Department in the form of two pumpers and six people.

The two inner apartments, B and C, sustained heavy

flame, smoke and water damage on both levels. Apartments A and D sustained moderate to heavy flame damage to the upper floor, and heavy smoke and water damage to the first floor.

Some personal items were salvageable from apartments A and D; and firefighters worked until about 11 p.m. to take them outside to a safer area.

The next afternoon, a military police officer was on duty outside the gutted four-plex and the surrounding road was

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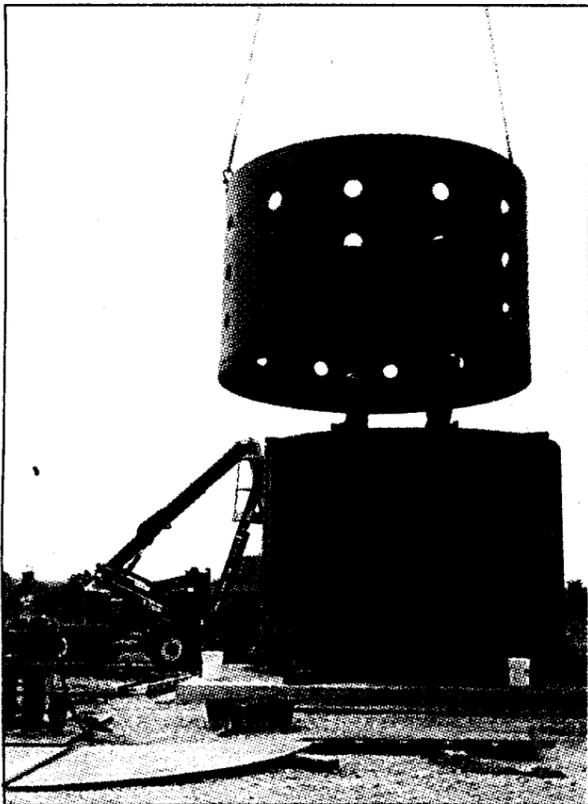


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

MAKE A HOLE— Construction for the NMD missile silo at Boeing began earlier this month at the Jetplex site in Huntsville. These two cylinders combined make the largest drill bit in the world, built specially for this project. The hole for the silo will measure 16 feet wide by 80 feet deep.

Concept tested at local plant...

Silo breaks ground for national missile defense

By Sandy Riebeling

Most Americans believe that if a foreign country attacked the United States with intercontinental ballistic missiles, there is something we could do to stop it. Most Americans are wrong; but hopefully not for long.

The missile silo being constructed at the Boeing plant in Huntsville takes the concept of a National Missile Defense program from the drawing board to the dirt. The Boeing Company began work on the silo in April with completion expected in September. This construction is part of a three-year, \$1.6 billion contract awarded to Boeing in April 1998, as the Lead System Integrator for the NMD program.

The Huntsville silo is a test silo which will house an inert missile, called a ground based interceptor. Boeing's Huntsville facility also has a simulation laboratory which together, will test the weapon system during the developmental stages.

"There's all sorts of circuitry and

electronics in the missile that has to be tested to be sure it is functioning properly to do the mission," Paul Owens, weapon test and evaluation ground test manager for The Boeing Company, said, adding that the Huntsville silo will never have live missiles in it.

The NMD program is intended to defend America against a limited attack by ICBMs that could be launched against the United States. A few countries already have the capabilities to launch a U.S. strike. Several others, such as Pakistan, India and North Korea have developed short range capabilities and are on the threshold of ICBM capabilities.

In a simplified form, this is how the system works: When an ICBM launch occurs, modified satellites in space will detect the threat and feed information into the system. On the ground, the Upgraded Early Warning Radar and the X-Band Radar track the threat and feed specifics of location, number of missiles and trajectory to the Battle Management, Command, Control and Communications element

which gives the people controlling the system the ability to launch a missile to intercept and destroy the target while it is in outer space.

The NMD program utilizes research, development and integration tools and skills from all branches of the military service as well as federal civilian employees and contractors. The program is managed by the NMD Joint Program Office as a part of the Department of Defense Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

The Army, as an executing agent of the BMDO Nation Missile Defense Joint Program Office, is working with Boeing-Huntsville to develop the Ground Based Elements of the defense system.

The GBE include the missile which is called the Ground Based Interceptor, the Ground Based Radar and the Battle Management, Command, Control and Communications.

The "muscle" of the system is the GBI or missile. It is designed to be a dormant, long range, high velocity

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Letters To The Editor

Proud shopper

My husband, retired Air Force TSgt. Jack H. Ratliff, and our son "Sky" and I are proud of Redstone's PX and Commissary—and the friendly and helpful employees!

Cynthia Lee Manasco Ratliff
Cordova, Ala.

Speed limit

This is an open letter to everyone who drives over the speed limit, especially through the housing areas on Redstone Arsenal. I've probably been guilty of this myself, but this letter is particularly directed to the white Jeep Cherokee which went speeding down Ripley Drive this evening (April 8), between 7:30 and 8 p.m. Please slow down before you injure or kill someone! I realize that 20 mph is a difficult speed to drive. When you are going downhill, it is very easy to let your speed creep up without realizing it. But driving 30-40 mph in a residential area is totally unacceptable! Tonight I tried to stop the driver of this white Jeep to remind him of the speed limit: I held my hand up in the accepted non-verbal request for someone to stop. The driver slowed down, but when I neared his/her window, sped up to drive away.

As a parent, I can honestly say that my most important job is to keep my children safe. I would hate to think that it is necessary for any parent to purchase an AutoWatch (a.k.a., "black box"; please see article in the April 8 edition of The Huntsville Times) in order to get their children to drive safely. This step is almost too "Big Brother" for me. But when my children are of driving age, if I feel that a "black box" is necessary to try to keep them (and others) safe, you can believe that I will do just that!

People, lest we forget: Speed limits are not established as an option. They are established for the safety of drivers, pedestrians and pets alike. Twenty miles per hour does NOT mean "20-30." It means 20. For your safety, and mine, please drive the speed limit!

Leba R. Hirsch

Union election

The 1999 election of AFGE Local 1858 officers for a two-year term is now history. Fourteen officers were unopposed while three officer positions—president, treasurer, and vice president-MEDDAC/DEN-TAC—had multiple candidates. A total of 198 votes were cast with each candidate receiving the following votes:

- **President**— James Brothers, 142; Arthur Young, 56
- **Treasurer**— Jane Armstrong, 148; George Alexander, 39
- **Vice president-MEDDAC/DENTAC**— Patricia Johnson, 10; Marian Hammons, 0.

Now that I have been re-elected president, I want to say that I appreciate the efforts of all those who supported me, worked on my behalf and went on to vote for me. Special thanks to Randall Carpenter (vice president for SMDC professional employees) and Theodora Stewart (vice president for SMDC Non-Professional Employees) for their unwavering support and dedication to the election process. They as well as 12 other officers were unopposed for this election which means to me that all of them have been doing a superb job representing their respective bargaining unit employees and I hope that managers will continue to work with them in resolving problems.

The election committee, chaired by Judi Jackson (AMCOM), and composed of Ruth Metcalf (AMCOM), Virginia Brown (Corps of Engineers), Woody Williams (retiree) and Laverne Haynes (SMDC), did an outstanding job running the election for which they deserve our thanks and appreciation.

There exists a healthy spirit and environment of "partnering" between our union and management officials at SMDC which I would like to see emulated throughout the Redstone community. I encourage all bargaining unit employees to perform their assigned tasks to the best of their ability and management to be fair and reasonable to the employees while they are performing those assigned tasks. I further believe that is what the taxpayer is paying us to do and we—all of us, including those in uniform—owe the taxpayer and our nation nothing less.

If you should have any questions regarding any employ-

ee or job related issues, please contact the appropriate representative in your area which is listed below:

• **1999-2001 officers**— James Brothers, president; Bill Clemons, assistant president; Chris Olmsted, executive vice president; Jane Armstrong, treasurer; Nita Montgomery, secretary; Steve Dunham, sergeant-at-arms; and vice presidents Lee Chatman of AAFES, Lonnie Hill (Non-Professional) of TECOM, Wayne McIntosh (Non-Professional) and William Meagher (Professional) of AMCOM, Theodora Stewart (Non-Professional) and Randall Carpenter (Professional) of SMDC, Sherry Cooper of RASA, Patricia Johnson of MEDDAC/DENTAC, Janice Elliott of Commissary, Don Hunnicutt of LOGSA, Angie Newman of Corps of Engineers (Training Center), and Deborah Kenamer of Mega Center.

If your organization is not listed above and you have any questions then contact the AFGE office at 881-7430 or 876-4880.

James R. Brothers
President,
AFGE Local 1858

Buffalo Soldiers

About two years ago, during the month of February (Black History Month), the Redstone Rocket published an article about the Buffalo Soldiers. At that time I wrote to you and expressed my surprise that the article did not mention the fact that the 10th Cavalry had at one time been bivouacked in Huntsville. Well, it has happened again. The referenced publication has a very informative article on the Buffalo Soldier display that is being exhibited at LOGSA, but once again it seems to me that there should be some mention of Huntsville included and the fact that there are efforts ongoing to establish a monument to the Buffalo Soldiers at the 10th Cavalry bivouac location....

Oliver H. Baxter
Sigmatech Inc.
SAMDC contractor

Trespassers in computer system can really hack you off

Experts share horror stories, probe ways to defend cyberspace

By June Johns

Combine cheap, publicly-accessible Internet information with a penchant for mischief and a sense of bravado, and you have a formula for serious computer hacker mayhem.

"You don't need expansive computer information to be a hacker. Many of them are 15-years-old," explained L. Robin Schueneman, a management analyst with the Army Information Assurance Office. She added, "The hacking culture has come out of the closet... (and) they feel pretty confident in breaking the law."

Schueneman was one of many speakers addressing information technology hazards and protections at last week's Information Assurance Conference and Exposition.

This conference—said to be the first of its kind at Redstone Arsenal—brought together speakers, vendors, and govern-

ment employees from throughout the country. The conference was sponsored by AMCOM, the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, and a private outside contractor, Technology Forums.

Some of the more successful—and ominous—hacker stories told by Schueneman included:

- An insider, trying to curry favor, passed along a classified Army password used worldwide to a foreign country.
- A 15-year-old boy gained access to a nuclear research center in Bombay, India. He then proceeded to brag online in a worldwide chat room about what he had done. This resulted in hundreds of other hackers attacking the research center's site.
- Hackers have made computer systems crash from a remote site by flooding them with more information than the machines can handle.
- Hackers have been able to implement

what is called a "denial of service attack," which effectively locks people out of their own operating systems.

• Hackers also have some capability of remotely accessing audio and video equipment, effectively using the owner's own equipment to spy on them.

Schueneman also shared some impressively scary statistics about the damage hackers can do. According to a March article in the "Washington Post" that this speaker cited, "the Pentagon is hacked on an average of 100 times a day." (A figure considered "grossly low" by Schueneman.)

This same newspaper article noted that in 1998 over \$123 million in damages was caused by criminal hacking. Perhaps the most surprising news is that "even old and simple stuff still works and will continue to, unless we make some changes," Schueneman said.

Some of the simpler measures of thwarting hackers' efforts, which were recommended by Schueneman, include:

- Avoid having an active guest account on your system. Having one provides an easy way for hackers to access a system without knowing a log-in identification password or number.
- Change your password every 90 days. While hackers can crack passwords, it takes them awhile, explained Schueneman. She added that hopefully by the time they figure out one of yours, you will have changed it.
- Don't set up writing privileges on your computer system that allow anyone to write on it.

Schueneman's presentation was one of 14 briefing sessions held throughout the two-day conference at the Sparkman Auditorium. Forty-eight private contractors were also on hand to provide information and product demonstrations. Similar conferences are organized for various branches of the services throughout the United States.

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BUBBAS' CAR WASH— Col. Clifton "Big Bubba" Broderick, left, and Col. Joe "Biggest Bubba" Young take a break during the celebrity car wash fund-raiser for AER held April 14 at the Post Exchange tire center on Goss Road.

Car washes, book sales, carnival on menu for AER fund-raising

All that fun stuff going on to raise money for the Army Emergency Relief campaign will continue through May 15. Here's a calendar of some of the upcoming events:

- Today-Friday and April 26-30— Book Sale, sponsored by Command Analysis Directorate, in the lobby of building 5300 second floor. To donate books or CDs, cassette tapes and videos, call Marla Cobbs 842-9925 or Joan Miller 955-0147.
- Today— The second annual ASD plant sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the northeast parking lot of building 5309.
- Saturday— Bass Fishing Tournament on the Tennessee River. Entry fee is \$85. For more information, call Gary Wilson 772-3732 after 4 p.m.
- April 27— "Get Even" Jail. Send someone you consider to be a "villain" to jail; fee is \$5 for every five minutes. For more information, call SFC Edmiston 842-2442 or fax 842-2439. The day of the arrest, call

cellular phone 682-2412.

- April 28— Car wash, sponsored by IMMC Business Management Directorate, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 28 at north side of building 5309. Rain date is April 29. For more information, call Bonnie Hankis 876-9433.
- May 1— HHC AMCOM celebrity car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PX tire center on Goss Road. For more information, call Sgt. Johnson 313-2875 or fax 955-9171.
- May 4— Carnival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center... Fun Run/Walk, from 1-3 p.m., at Burose Road and entrance into Sparkman Center.
- May 6— Mother's Day Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the northeast parking lot of building 5309.
- May 7— Golf Tournament at the Redstone Arsenal Golf Club. Entry fee is \$36. For more information, call Mary Russell 883-7977.

THAAD Radar tracks target in flight test at White Sands range

The Theater High Altitude Area Defense radar successfully tracked a Terrier/Black Brant Flight at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., April 12.

The Black Brant, flown by the Navy, lifted the NASA Wide-Field Imaging Survey Polarimeter Experiment to a sub-orbital height of approximately 359 kilometers above the earth's surface.

The target launch occurred at approxi-

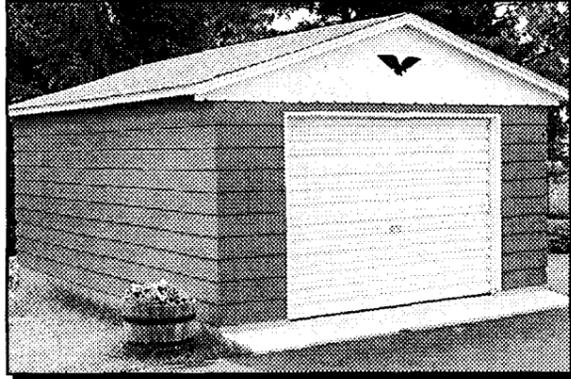
mately 12:35 a.m. MDT and the target flew a nominal trajectory from Launch Complex 36 to impact approximately 50 miles uprange. The THAAD radar acquired the target in its primary search fence and maintained target track for approximately 15 minutes and 59 seconds until the target exited the THAAD radar's field-of-view.

This is the second successful track of a NASA Black Brant in the past six months

for the THAAD radar. Both missions were conducted utilizing the radar's final tactical configuration software, thus further advancing the radar's deployment readiness. The THAAD Radar Product Office and Raytheon will continue to take advantage of available targets of opportunity.

THAAD radar is one segment of the THAAD system. The entire system is being developed to defend personnel and

assets from medium and long range missiles carrying weapons of mass destruction. The prime contractor is Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space and The Raytheon Company is the contractor for the THAAD radar. The THAAD program is managed and funded by BMDO and executed by the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense and the THAAD project manager.



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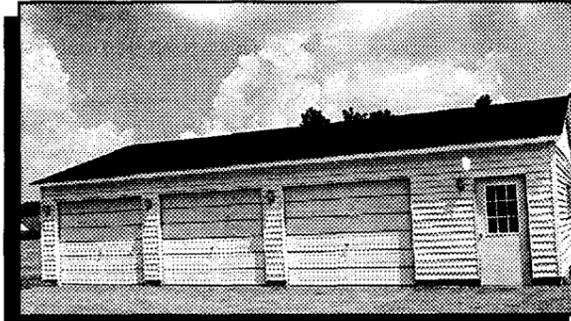
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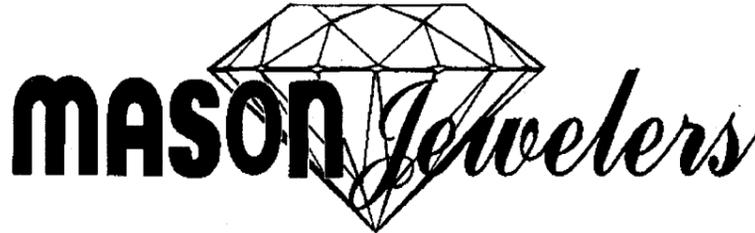
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A day in the life of a soldier...

Weekend outing brings early wakeup, gas mask and mud

By Ross Kopp

As the alarm clock sounded at 5 a.m., I brought myself to my feet and started to gather my thoughts and TA-50 to prepare for the day's training that we were to attend. As I left the door for the first formation, I noticed that the skies were cloudy and the ground was wet from the storm that came through that night. As the soldiers started to get into their formations, the drill sergeants were getting the final gear and teaching aids together for the day of training.

When the accountability was taken, the first sergeant took command and proceeded to march us to the chow hall. We had no time to waste by sitting down and chatting with friends like most of us do on the weekends. It was like being back at basic training, where time was limited because of the training that we needed to attend. As the last soldier fell into the formation, the cadre started to form us up and get us ready for the road march that we had to complete to reach the training site and begin our weekend outing. The road march was a short trek, but one of the necessary evils in any type of training that soldiers take part in.

When we arrived at the site, the platoons were broken down into stations and routed to the necessary location for each task.

Station 1 was taken by first platoon and the task was to identify an unidentified liquid, possibly a bio-hazardous material. First task was to get into mopp-4 (full protective gear to include the pro-mask, NBC suit, overboots and gloves) in the amount of time given to us by the drill sergeants. Before anyone could get their masks on, a canister of CS gas was sent our way. One person spotted the canister and yelled "gas, gas, gas" while giving the signal for gas.

As others saw this signal as well as heard the soldier yell, it became a mad scramble to beat the nine-second clock to put on and seal the mask, and then another six seconds to get the hood over your head. As soon as most of the soldiers had their masks on and were in total mopp-4 gear, they started to help their buddies seal and fasten their



Bravo Company photo

MUD, MUD AND MORE MUD— Pvt. Nathan Miller, in gas mask, gets down and dirty during the training session.

hoods properly as well as help them with the rest of the mopp suit. When everyone was ready to go, we started to move out toward the site where the mock bio-hazardous material was located.

We formed a wedge for the movement toward the site. While the drill sergeants were helping one soldier give a

radio report to headquarters, we started to move. As we moved there were blue plastic biohazard signs posted warning soldiers of the danger that was in the area. We approached the target area and came across a substance in a puddle. One of the soldiers had to test it with M-8 paper, identify it and relay the info to headquarters. Then we had to scout the area for any enemy soldiers and return to the starting point. Back at the starting point we formed up (still in mopp-4) and marched to the next station, which was the gas chamber.

When we arrived at the gas chamber, the commander briefed us on what we needed to do to make this training effective. Then we fell into a single file line and waited until the master sergeant gave the word for the first six soldiers to enter the gas chamber. The chamber was a room that measured approximately 7-by-7 feet and could only fit six soldiers plus the master sergeant that was instructing us inside of it. Although the room was small, all of the soldiers would get a chance to prove their ability in handling the CS gas coming from the capsules on the fire.

As I and five others entered the chamber, we could breathe quite easily due to our masks being on. This told us that our masks worked and weren't malfunctioning, but as soon as the master sergeant got comfortable he started picking out individuals to take off their masks. As the last of my group, I took off my mask and took in a deep breath of the CS gas. It hurt as well as burned my eyes, but when I got out I felt relieved knowing that my mask and my equipment worked. When the last group came out there were soldiers that had already been through who wanted to go through the chamber once again, and there were soldiers still waiting to enter who were unsure about even taking off their masks in the chamber.

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Spring planting...

Community has roots in annual Arbor Day

By Jesse Horton

Come join the festivities to celebrate Arbor Day 1999. Redstone Arsenal employees will begin celebrating Arbor Day by joining hands with the neighboring communities of Huntsville, Madison, Triana, and Madison County at Morris Elementary School, located next to the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden April 30 from 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Later that afternoon at 2:30 p.m., beside the Redstone Arsenal Golf Club House near Gate 9, a tree-planting ceremony will be held and a special "Tree City USA" designation



Photo by June Johns

TENDER CARE —Jessica Everman of Child Development Center waters a tree that was planted as part of a previous Arbor Day celebration at Redstone.

will be awarded to Redstone Arsenal. This noteworthy designation, awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters, signifies Redstone Arsenal's development and implementation of a comprehensive urban forestry program.

Redstone will join Huntsville in becoming a "Tree City USA," along with 12 other Army installations across the nation. The strict NADF standards met to attain this award will be maintained by Redstone to keep this noteworthy designation.

Smokey Bear, along with many other community residents, and city, state and Arsenal officials, will be there to share in the festivities.

Redstone is an oasis in the middle of an urban area, striving to maintain its urban forests and natural areas for the benefit of wildlife, recreationists, nature enthusiasts, and mission requirements. Managing much of the forest resource located around built-up areas and in isolated parts of the Arsenal requires selective logging and replanting activities.

Interestingly enough, due to intensive, nationwide tree-planting efforts, such as those at Redstone, there are now more trees in the U.S. than were here during the 1800s, when the National Arbor Day Foundation was first organized.

For more information on Arbor Day festivities, call Bob Lawter, installation planner, 876-0888.

(Editor's note: Horton is the post forester.)



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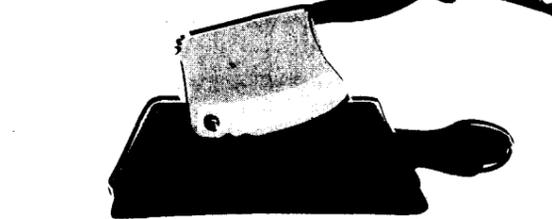
Readiness award...

Lt. Col. Jim Weger, left, product manager for Kiowa Warrior, presents an award to the 1/10th Cav Squadron, Fort Hood, Texas during the Kiowa Warrior User's Conference, March 9-11 in Atlanta. CWO 4 Mark Vanderweyden represents the 1/10 Cav which was recognized as the Kiowa Warrior unit with the highest readiness rate over the previous year—an average of more than 93 percent.

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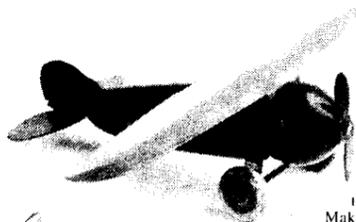
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The Birmingham Metro Master's Commission from Kingwood Assembly of God church in Alabaster will present a "Power Night" program at 7 p.m. April 28 at the Post Theater, building 3712, corner of Patton Road and Aerobee. The program consists of human videos, power feats, devotionals, testimonies and illustrated songs.

The Master's Commission program is a nine-month nationwide discipleship training program dedicated to the call of "Go into all the world and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19). The program is dedicated to the development of students in spiritual growth and outreach. The Master's Commission uses a number of ministries and programs to assist in student development, such as: inner-city outreach, youth ministries, children's ministries, evangelism, drama and music.

The Ordnance Missile Munitions Center and School Unit Ministry Teams invite you to come and enjoy this dynamic and powerful program. Admission is free, but a designated offering will be taken. Call 842-0799 for more information.

School volunteer cited

A member of Team Redstone has been honored by Huntsville City Schools for sharing the magic of volunteering.

Thelma Hall was honored by Huntsville City Schools as one of the 1998-99 adult education volunteers and supporters. She is helping a woman prepare for the GED test.

Hall, a procurement analyst/team leader in the Aircrew Integration Systems Project Management Office, was honored as Huntsville City Schools celebrated National Volunteer Week with the theme "Celebrate the Magic of Volunteering." Her husband, Charles, was also recognized.

With defensewide program...

Military health care system stresses prevention

By Eileen Bailey and Adrienne Gillilan

As budgets shrink throughout the military and downsizing occurs, we need to refocus on the creation of a common culture of prevention. This can be best accomplished by promoting the individual health of our beneficiaries where they work and live.

Recently, to promote Wellness and Prevention, the military health care system has begun implementing Put Prevention into Practice (PPIP). Health Affairs and Department of Defense have determined that the PPIP concept serves as the philosophy to ensure that a link is established between the new preventive atmosphere of health care and its more traditional role. At the core of this plan is prevention.

Prevention encompasses health promotion and wellness, Clinical Preventive Services and self-care.

Some of the programs targeted by PPIP include Tobacco and other Cessation Programs, Nutrition, Injury Prevention, Hypertension Screening, Stress Management, Suicide Prevention, HIV/STD Education, Substance Abuse, Physical Fitness, Spiritual Fitness, and Oral Health. PPIP also promotes an environment of self-care. One of the current available avenues for self-care is a book provided through the Tri-care Service Center or to access a nurse for advice through the Advice Nurse program. Each clinic at Fox Army Health Center has posters that display a recommended schedule of screening tests. These are based on recommendations from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, 1997. Questions about these screening tests and their significance can be directed to your health care provider. It can then be determined if it is appropriate for any of those tests to be performed.

Another part of the PPIP initiative is a Personal Health Guide. This is available as separate booklets for adults and children. These health guides are handy pocket size books that have information for you regarding preventive services and convenient places to document screening tests and

results you have had done. Then when you have another visit with your health care provider, it is easy to check when a certain screening test was last done.

Another handy reference for the HCP is the new "Adult Preventive and Chronic Care Flowsheet." In one quick glance, the health care provider will know when the last screening exam was done, your family history, immunization history, and even previous counseling. This easy to use guide helps you and your health care provider to plan important screening exams like cholesterol, prostate and others. This is a handy reference for the health care provider to be able to know, at a glance, if there are any problems he or she may need to address. When you check in for your next medical appointment at Fox, the receptionist or nurse may ask some questions to fill this form out more completely. PPIP is only the latest change in the health care of not only the military population but is in some form included in the civilian health care models.

"Military medicine does a good job of preparing our forces as a population, and increasingly as individuals, for staying healthy and avoiding accidental injuries; but we must continue to strive for more," Dr. Stephen C. Joseph, Office Assistant Secretary of Defense/Health Affairs, said in 1994. "We need to bring prevention and health promotion into every patient encounter whether the purpose is a visit or hospitalization. We need to identify those who are heavy drinkers, those who still smoke, and those who have less than healthy behaviors. So undoubtedly, PPIP will increase the readiness of the force; and in the long-term will prove to be an effective and beneficial use of our health care resources."

Fox Army Health Center is committed to improving the wellness and readiness of Team Redstone through screening, prevention and education.

(Editor's note: Bailey, community health nurse, and Sgt. Gillilan work at the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center.)

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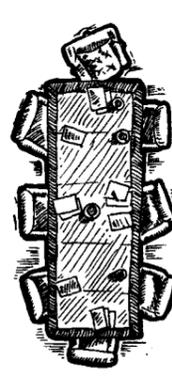
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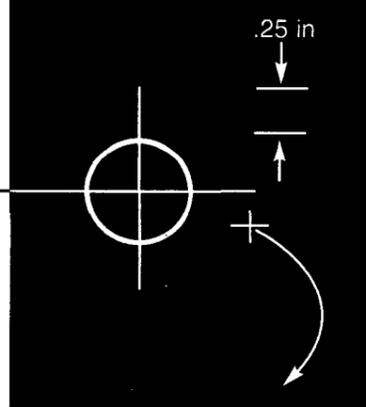
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Focusing on the issues...

Electronic Meeting System gives everyone a voice

By Sandy Riebeling

The Corporate Information Center has a new facility in building 5309 that is transforming the way business meetings are conducted. The new Electronic Meeting System puts the speaker in the dark and brings the issues of the meeting to light.

"Three or four years ago, the EMS facility was established in building 3448," John Florence, project lead for the NCCIM (contractor support), said. "The purpose was to provide people in the meeting the opportunity to gather information from everyone in the group without the fear of retribution. Some people are afraid to speak in large groups. With everyone having a terminal, they can just type in their comment or question anonymously. People are much more open this way and there is a much better exchange of information."

Building 3448 still has two meeting rooms, accommodating 16 people in the Blue room and 25 people in the Red room. The new facility in the Sparkman Center can hold 56 in the largest meeting room, the Green room. The Sparkman facility also has a smaller room, called the Breakout room, that can be divided into two smaller EMS meeting rooms.

Each meeting room has large screens in the front so that a presenter can share charts or graphs with the group. The meeting tables are lined with computer terminals, networked together. While a presenter is

speaking, anyone in the group can type in comments or questions as they come to mind. When the presenter is finished speaking, he can address the comments and questions from the group. People in the meeting are not identified by terminal numbers or names so all comments or questions are anonymous.

"This type of system makes the issues important, and takes the personalities out of the loop," Cynthia Foust, contract specialist and technographer, said. "Plus when you're dealing with acquisition, it can be done quicker and better. There's no misinterpretations of what this person or that person said. Nothing is missed. It's all there in the original context because the person offering the suggestion is the one actually writing the words."

The EMS facility has a staff of about 10. These people are responsible for scheduling the use of the meeting rooms, handling the software networking, acting as technical facilitators for the meeting, keeping people on task during the meeting and providing the notes afterwards.

"Our facilitators meet with the customer a few days before the meeting, get an idea of the topics, focus and goals of the meeting, then he comes back and starts working," Ruth Ann Hammond, federal team leader of the EMS project, said.

Other responsibilities of personnel include technographers, data modelers, technical assistants and systems support.

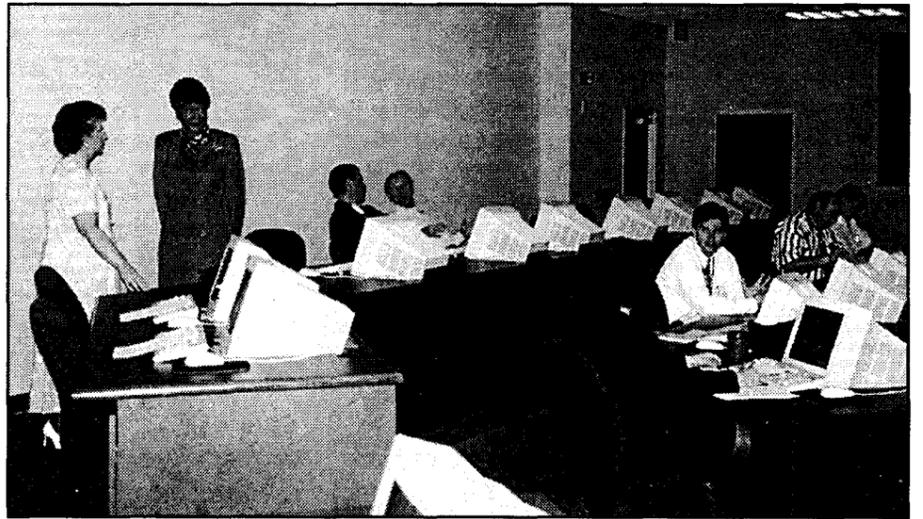


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ANONYMITY— The Electronic Meeting System allows participants to offer comments or ask questions during a presentation using a networked computer terminal without being identified.

The rooms are equipped with VCR capabilities, video recording and cable television. The room is not set up to handle a video conference. CIC has a separate area dedicated for video conferences.

There is no cost to AMCOM users. The facility is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to

late evening.

"Scheduling is getting more difficult," Hammond said. "We find that once an organization uses the facility the first time, they keep coming back. As more people discover the wonderful benefits, the schedule fills up quicker."

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Telling the system's story...

History website restores life in old Lance missile

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

John Robins is exactly the sort of fellow who the Historical Function loves to welcome back. Robins, 71, is a 1985 Redstone Arsenal retiree. Two and a half years ago Robins came to see Michael Baker, Claus Martel and Dr. Kaylene Hughes in the Historical Function with an idea. He wanted someone to put together a publication on the Lance program.

Robins wanted to make sure his grandchildren and others would remember the program he and thousands of others worked on from the 1960s through the '80s. During that time he had been the deputy program manager for the Lance Program Office. The Lance, "Missile B," a single warhead, short-range missile, replaced the Honest John in 1961.

The Historical Function team explained the high pamphlet costs to Robins. They convinced him that they could reach a larger range of people through the Internet. As an example, they showed him a Pershing publication that had been put on line. Whenever they receive additional information, they can just build upon that foundation.

"It seems impossible these days to escape the news about the so-called information revolution and in particular the Internet," Baker, the command historian, said. "The Internet doesn't replace people. It makes them more efficient by allowing them to use online communication for information sharing and routine communication and reserve face-to-face interaction for other activities."

For years, the Historical Function has hastened its drive to give books, brochures and other documents the same appearance on the Internet that they have on paper. They have won numerous awards for their efforts.

Hughes already had a Lance chronology online and an initial draft of the project summary for Robins to review. She also provided a box of negatives for him to identify.

Robins, with the help of Sam Hardy, Frank Fleming and John Thomson, some of his Lance program team members, made several changes. They were able to clarify, correct and add information to the summary and key events for the Historical Function team to put on the Web. It can be checked out on <http://www.redstone.army.mil/history/lance/>.

Baker said he expects people to visit throughout the day, logging in to the history site for the aviation or missile systems that most interest them. He hopes the new Lance site will generate interest from others that played key roles in the development of other aviation and missile programs.



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TIP OF THE LANCE— At the end of the Cold War, under the 1991 Presidential Nuclear Initiative, the Lance surface-to-surface missile inventory was eliminated.

Baker feels the Internet enables his office to tell the story of a system in some interesting and unique ways.

"During the Lance program days, we emphasized reduced ownership costs for maintenance, logistics, manpower and support in the design of new weapons systems," Robins said. "The argument was not whether we should apply new technologies, it was we must. The real challenge was to utilize technology not just for complexity but also for affordability and maintainability. We put a greater emphasis on improving existing platforms and systems since we were able to afford fewer new starts."

At the end of the Cold War, under the 1991 Presidential Nuclear Initiative, the Lance surface-to-surface missile inventory was eliminated.

"It was an alliance position taken with NATO," Robins said. "Many of us agreed with the decision that the president made to cancel the program given the changed military circumstances in Europe. It was the best possible end

Did you meet the deadline?...

'98 tax credits result in higher refunds for many taxpayers

By Erika Cain

There are several new tax changes for the 1998 tax season which have resulted in higher tax refunds for many taxpayers. New credits available, such as the child tax credit and education credits, seem to be favorites.

The child tax credit is a credit that can reduce your tax. The child tax credit allows the taxpayer a credit of up to \$400 for each of his or her qualifying children. A qualifying child is a child that is under age 17, a citizen or resident of the United States and someone you can claim as a dependent. This child must be the taxpayer's son or daughter, stepchild, grandchild or eligible foster child. There is a reduction in the amount of child tax credit the taxpayer can claim based on his or her Modified Adjusted Gross Income. If the taxpayer's MAGI is over \$75,000 filing single, or head of household, \$110,000 married filing jointly or \$55,000 married filing separately, the child tax credit will be reduced.

In general, this is a non-refundable credit. This means that if you do not have any tax liability you will not receive the credit. Moreover, if you receive the credit and it is more than your tax, you will not receive back the difference as a refund. If however, you have three or more qualifying children, you may be able to take the additional child tax credit and receive a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

There are also two new non-refundable tax credits for higher education, the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. The amount of credit you receive is determined by the amount you pay for qualified tuition and related expenses and the amount of your modified adjusted gross income. The Hope Credit allows a taxpayer to claim a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for each eligible student. This credit is allowed for the first two years

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- **Soldatenstube "May fest"**— May 1 will bring the first May fest on Redstone Arsenal! Bring the entire family out to the Soldatenstube (building 3512, across from Self-Help) from noon until 4 p.m. Free games, face painting, free soft drinks for children 12 and under and much more. If you just can't wait for Oktoberfest, come join us for May fest! Come out and enjoy your favorite German foods and beverages: grilled bratwurst, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy just to name a few. For more information about May fest or to make dinner

reservations, call 830-CLUB.... Don't forget to book the Soldatenstube's new Patio Sun Room for your private parties. Call 830-9227 for party bookings.

- **Tax seminar**— Are taxes a problem for you? Are you looking for a way to minimize the impact of taxes on your income? We can tackle next year's tax problems right now! Attend the Wellness Center's seminar from 11-noon April 27 at building 5301, room 1148. Scheduled speaker for the class is Kitty Davenport, an investment representative. To register, call 955-6844.
- **Turkey shoot**— Outdoor Recreation presents the 1999 Turkey Shoot annual schedule: May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Nov. 6 and 13, Dec. 11 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. between trap and skeet ranges. The cost is \$4 per shot, and prizes are awarded. For more information, call 876-4868.
- **Mother's Day brunch**— Tickets are on sale now for this year's Mother's Day Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Tickets are \$11.50 for members, \$12.50 for non-members, \$5 for children 7-12; and children 6-under are admitted free. The menu for the brunch will be: creamed beef, home fried potatoes, grilled ham slices, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, cheese blitz's with fruit topping, chicken ala king, carved roast sirloin of beef, rice pilaf, green bean casserole,

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Museum piece...

Stinger missile model is unveiled when presented to the museum at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., March 30. The museum received the inert missile for permanent display from SHORAD Project Office and Raytheon Systems Company, prime contractor for Stinger.

Michael Crisp, left, program manager for Stinger missiles at Raytheon Systems Co., and Lt. Col. Earnest Harris, Stinger product manager, unveil the missile. Lt. Col. Tommie Newberry, far right, acting project manager for Short-Range Air Defense, looks on.

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Live from Huntsville, it's Saturday night...

Comic writer pokes fun at daily news events on Internet

By Sandy Riebeling

Ever hear a news story and think, "That can't be true." Well, that's what supposed to happen when you double click on the digital publication, "News Briefs."

Creator and editor-in-chief of the paper, Craig Cox, said he was driving to work one morning when he heard a true news story about Hollywood making a movie of the life of Marion Barry.

"I couldn't believe how ridiculous that sounded," Cox said. "I mean, who was going to do the movie stunts, Ringling Bros.? Special effects by Industrial Light and Magic? Some stories you hear on the news are just begging to be parodied."

That story was the beginning of "News Briefs." Cox contacted a friend of his, Erik Barzeski, who designs web pages and has his own digital publication, "Apple Wizards," and discussed the idea. Within 24 hours, Cox had a web site, a digital newspaper and his own story parodies of the day's news ready for the world to see.

"Usually what I do is scan the newspaper for story ideas," Cox said. "I also turn on CNN in the morning and make some notes of current events. When I find a story that's just too good to pass up, I rewrite the story with a comic twist. Occasionally we have stories that are just out and out false but usually we just poke fun at what's already in the news. It has a sort of Saturday Night Live flavor."

What started out as one man writing his comic view of the world through a couple of daily news stories has grown and developed into what could best be described as a fictional news team.

"We have a whole fictitious digital news staff including anchors Walter Crewcut, Connie Chang and then there's Josh, the sort of jock news anchor," Cox said. "We have correspondents including one alien reporter and then there's Pooky the mechanical dog."

In real life Cox writes nearly all of the

material, simply from the point of view of whatever character he feels gives it the best comic twist. Pooky doesn't actually write stories but he is the subject of some.

"The cast was created to give people something to connect with every day—something that was familiar because the stories are always changing."

Besides writing an average of three news parodies a day, Cox includes one graphic, what he calls a slapstick sight gag. He gives an example from last week of a finger growing out of a rat's back.

"That graphic had to do with genetic engineering," he said. "They had figured out a way to grow a human finger on a rat. We do a lot of stories about genetic engineering."

Although some topics are easy targets like political figures or astrology, Cox worked hard not to let the Clinton-Lewinsky matter dominate his news.

"It was tough not to write about them all the time," he said. "But we made a real effort not to. We did a few stories but there was endless opportunity with that."

Putting the entire paper together takes between two and three hours each night.

"Some days are better than others. It depends a lot on what's in the news."

"News Briefs" also has real guest writers on occasion.

"There's a guy from England that will send me something every now and then that we use."

Cox tailors his stories to the English-speaking world using national or well known events. His site receives several thousand hits a day.

"We are shooting for the educated professional that is up on current events," Cox said. "They come in in the morning, get a cup of coffee and can click on 'News Briefs' to get them going in the morning. Of course, a lot of people check it out after a long day spent in the too real world. A little humor can go a long way."

The site contains the five previous days' news plus the current issue. Cox updates it five days a week.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

IN THE NEWS— Finding the humor in everyday news has turned into a part time business with a life of its own. Cox spends several hours a day writing news parodies that appear on his digital publication, "News Briefs."

"It takes a lot of time and I do have a wife and two girls that I want to spend time with. Some nights I don't go to bed until after midnight."

The hours he spends on the computer writing is done after a full day's work as a logistics management specialist for Lead Army Materiel Command Integration Sup-

port Office. His wife, Patricia, is a logistics support specialist in the Integrated Materiel Management Center. They have two daughters, Hailey, 10 and Sonja, 6.

Although the job doesn't require a great deal of writing, Cox has always been surrounded by

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Last of two-part series...

Easy to get snake-bitten in country music world

Editor's note: This is the last of a two-part series on Will Clements, a logistics management specialist who sings and writes country music, on what he has learned about the music business in Nashville.

By Jim Bowne

"You have to break into country music the correct way," Will Clements said. "When I first started out, I just kind of jumped in and had to learn some things the hard way.

"You don't want to get shark-bitten in Nashville. You have to check out reputations; be careful; take one step at a time."

Clements emphasized the importance of having the support of family and good friends. "Above all, you must have support," he said. "My wife, Jackie, is my biggest supporter. She's behind me 110 percent. I do the writing and she does everything else. In Nashville, you don't need extra baggage—there are enough problems already there."

Clements and Jackie have been married for 38 years. They make the trip to Nashville together two or three evenings a week, leaving after work and getting home about 3 a.m. Like her husband, Jackie has a full-time job.

"It's a tiring trip," Clements said. "It takes about three hours to get there. Jackie usually makes sandwiches and puts drinks in the cooler for when we're on the road. Time is short so we have to do what we can while traveling."

Jackie drives the van so Clements can get some sleep. "Many times we've driven through severe weather; we eat in the van; we sleep in the van," Clements said. "It's



Photo by Jim Bowne

SONG WRITING— Clements works on a song in his writing room at home in Union Grove.

all just a part of 'paying our dues.'"

Jackie has also fixed up a "writing room" in their home so her husband will have a quiet place to work. "She won't let me slack off even if I want to," Clements said. "She always comes in and tells me, 'You need to write a line every night.' She even hung a sign on the wall that says, 'If you quit now, you'll quit forever.'"

According to Clements, it's also important to belong to songwriter's associations. "I'm a member of the Nashville Songwriters Association International and the Tennessee Songwriters Association," he said. "And in 1992, I was elected to ASCAP (American Society for Composers, Authors, and Publishers) out of Nashville."

Election to ASCAP is not only an honor; it is tangible evidence that "you're moving

up" in the world of country music.

"In order to be elected to ASCAP, you have to have played on the radio or performed commercially," Clements explained. "Also, you can list all your songs with the ASCAP. This helps protect your work, but you still have to obtain a copyright."

"If you don't copyright your songs, you run the risk of someone stealing your material. But that's OK too, because it means you've gotten good enough that people want to steal your songs."

"Another reason for belonging to associations is that they (associations) bring in publishers, guest writers, and those who have had hit songs. You can't sit at home and expect to get your songs known. You have to get out where the people are. That's why I go to Nashville and sing my songs at 'Writer's Night.'

"In Nashville, you'll have about 10-20 seconds to make an impression with a publisher. If your song isn't good, they'll trash it. You really have to grab their attention in a hurry. They don't have time to listen to any more—they're too busy."

One mistake often made by aspiring country music writers is they try to do their own demos. According to Clements, this is not a good idea.

"It's important to have your demo made by professionals," Clements said. "Make sure your song is recorded by a good singer and is backed up with good musicians. This usually costs about \$150-\$250.

"You have to be careful, though, because if you're not, you can really get taken in Nashville. For example, if you try to get a demo made professionally and they want \$3,000-\$4,000, forget it.

"If your song is in demand and a publisher wants to publish it, they (the publisher) will pay or help pay for the demo. However, if they want money to put out your album, steer clear. And remember to

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VOLUNTEER ENCOUNTER— Board Director Becky Taylor, right, helps out at the Thrift Shop's jewelry counter.

During special week... Volunteers thanked for their contributions

By June Johns

They are everywhere, serving as the backbone of many a worthwhile cause. They go unpaid for their efforts. These unsung heroes and heroines are volunteers, the grease that helps turn the wheels for charitable, community, and civic events all over. They often go unnoticed; sometimes they are even unrecognized. But not this time.

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week. Some of Redstone Arsenal's hardest working volunteers will be recognized at an annual luncheon at 11 a.m. April 29 at the Redstone Arsenal Club.

The following volunteers were selected for awards: Mary Gustine, Special Events Award; Sharon Samuelson, Service to Youth Award; Becky Taylor, Community Service Involvement Award; Yvonne Quantock, RSA Military Community Sustained Service Award; and Kitty Ware, Military Community Sustained Service Award.

Other nominees to be honored include Mary Bissell, Sharon Curcio, Dessie Johnson, Anne Lewis, and Margaret McBrearty.

Members of the Redstone Arsenal Volunteer of the Year selection committee were: Maj. Steve Butler, JAG; Maj. Karen Peterlin, MILPO; Spec. Jennifer Flanagan, Soldier of the Month for January from HHC AMCOM; MSgt. Arthur Wiley, NCO Academy; and Becky Miller, EEO Office.

Mary Gustine

Mary Gustine will receive a volunteer award for her work on the Space Camp Scholarship Program. This scholarship program provides 4th through 9th grade children

of active duty and retired military personnel with the opportunity to attend one week of Space Camp, Space Academy or Aviation Challenge at no cost. This program is open to all military children living within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal. Believed to be the only one of its kind, the program is supported solely by contributions from military organizations.

Gustine has served as chairman for the Space Camp Scholarship Program every year since 1991. Each year her volunteer work involves months of planning and preparation, beginning in November and lasting through June.

While serving as chairman, and through her initiative, she has increased the number of sponsors and obtained far greater exposure for this educational program. In addition, she has "improved, streamlined, and refined the entire program from top to bottom" under her leadership, according to Sue Paddock, who nominated Gustine for this award. Paddock continued, "For the last eight years this nominee has been the 'glue' to the successful operation of a complex scholarship program."

Sharon Samuelson

Through many years, and at various Army installations, Sharon Samuelson has provided education, entertainment, and inspiration to military youth with her work in the following areas: music and theater, softball league for young women, youth camps, the Red Cross, local high school Booster Club and the Girl Scouts of America.

Her list of volunteer accomplishments does not stop there. Samuelson has also donated numerous volunteer hours to Redstone Arsenal's Thrift Shop, which in turn provides military families with an outlet to sell items at the same time it generates funds for charitable activities. In the past, she has also worked with the Unit Family Support Activity, providing comfort to dependents who are left behind during military deployments.

Other work featured on Samuelson's long list of accomplishments include serving as an Army Community Service volunteer coordinator and as an Army Emergency Relief campaign co-coordinator.

When not working on youth-related volunteer activities, Samuelson has stayed busy providing meals for sick friends, visiting hospitals, helping with endless military functions, and at times "giving away her personal items when the (volunteer program) budget will not allow for



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BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS— One of Kitty Ware's many volunteer efforts includes working with others to beautify Redstone Arsenal.

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extra things," according to Paddock, who suggested Samuelson receive this volunteer recognition award. During the past 23 years, Paddock wrote, Samuelson has been dedicated to "community service to military installations and church organizations in the local community. She has exemplified the caring and dedication which all should emulate. Her efforts have increased the quality of life for many installations, and she has touched the lives of many."

Becky Taylor

Becky Taylor's list of community involvement reads like a Who's Who of volunteer organizations. During her more than 10 years of active service, Taylor has aided no less than 29 different groups, organizations and activities.

Her global good works have included representing American women based in Germany, while stationed in the town of Pirmasens. During her family's tour at the Sierra Army Depot, she assisted the superintendent of schools with hiring a new principal and personnel.

"Since arriving at Redstone Arsenal in the summer of 1998, she "jumped right in and became an active member of the volunteer force ... working with the Officer and Civilian Women's Club on fund-raising efforts and day to day operations," according to Linda Leonard, who nominated Taylor for this award.

"She is a natural leader who is always willing to go the extra step to make sure that an event or activity achieves its goals. Be it publishing a monthly battalion newsletter or as a den mother for her son's Cub Scout troop, she (has always gotten) involved and helped, often volunteering for several organizations at the same time," Leonard noted.

Yvonne Quantock

Yvonne Quantock serves as the chairman of the Red Cross volunteer program at Fox Army Health Center and Redstone Arsenal. She recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers. Quantock also ensures that volunteers are following health center guidelines. Prior to assuming this role, she coordinated Redstone Arsenal volunteer blood drives for 10 years, providing a direct impact on saving lives, as Redstone Arsenal collects the largest amount of blood for the local area, according to Red Cross representatives.

In addition, and according to Mary Moreillon, who nominated her for this volunteer award, Quantock organized the

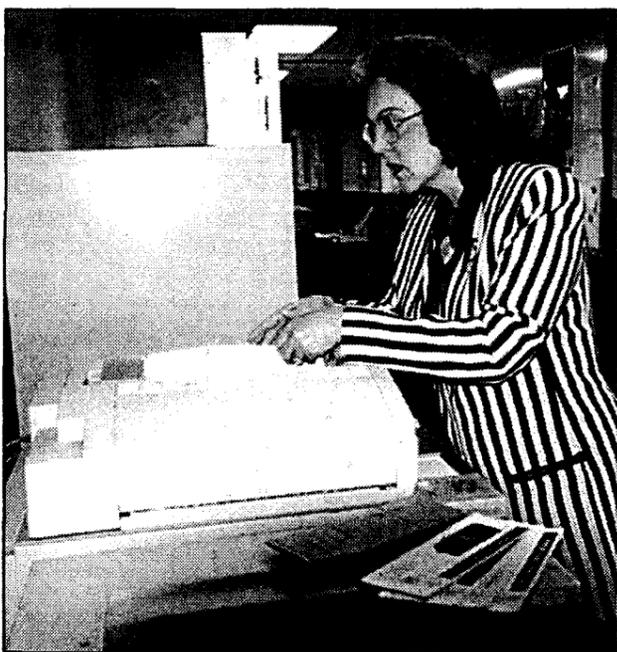


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PICTURE THIS— Sharon Samuelson works on Army Community Service literature.

summer teen program at the Fox facility and aided youth volunteers with their leadership development.

"She interacts well with the military and civilian community. She has been recognized with all the Red Cross awards available. Co-workers cite her as always having a cooperative attitude," reports Moreillon.

Kitty Ware

Kitty Ware will step up to the podium to accept the Military Community Sustained Service Award.

"It's difficult to summarize this nominee's 32-plus years of dedicated volunteerism without wearing out superlatives," wrote Leonard, who nominated her for this award.

During two tours in Germany, Ware performed volunteer work with the Red Cross, the USO, and other noteworthy groups, including the OWC supply store, where as a volunteer bookkeeper she initiated a new purchasing procedure that resulted in a large increase in sales.

She also founded a support group for military wives to help them adjust to living in another country. She went on to initiate additional support groups during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

"Not many present commanders' wives have had to carry on family support group activities while their servicemembers were on the front line during an active war," wrote Leonard. "Through rain, snow and crazy drivers, she made the rounds, bringing encouragement and comfort.... She always gets in there to do the grunt work, too. No task is too small for her time and attention. Just this last holiday season, one woman who volunteered to help sell Red Cross ornaments couldn't make it, as her son was in an accident and required medical attention. The woman called (Ware), asking her to let the chairman know. Instead of just reporting this information to the chairman, (Ware) went in the woman's stead so the Red Cross wouldn't be short a volunteer. This was done with only a moment's notice, but was done cheerfully, willingly."



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CAMPY FUN— Mary Gustine tries out a Manned Maneuvering Unit at U.S. Space Camp.

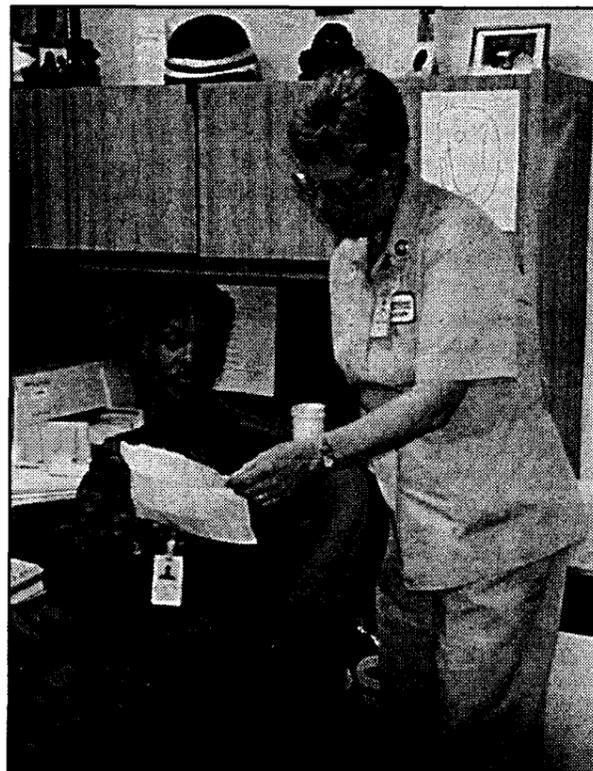


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CLINICAL REVIEW— Volunteer Yvonne Quantock, right, reviews procedures with SSgt. Barbara Williford, NCO-in-charge of clinic support division at Fox Army Health Center.

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Joyce Goltz, center, a logistician in the Security Assistance Management Directorate, celebrates a Huntsville Channel Cats hockey goal by Ryan Wood in the closing minutes of the second period April 9 against the Macon Whoopee. The Cats won 6-3 at the Von Braun Center to clinch the playoff series. Some 91 Redstone workers bought their tickets through the Civilian Welfare Fund Council.

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- LOGSA— John Howard 225, and 569 series; Ken Schnaare 211, and 532 series; Patti Lin 203, and 568 series; Jim Lin 200, and 521 series; Ray Hanson 545 series.
- RSA Thursday Morning Ladies— Beverly Van Oostrum 210, and 562 series; Fran Sullivan 202, and 507 series; Mary Cramer 184, and 519 series.

- Wednesday Night Bowling— John Goltz 226, and 612 series; Norwood Cutter 570 series; Robert White 213, and 564 series; Allen Weinberg 233; Ray Meyers 207; Herb Hoppmeyer 203; Orville Miller 203; Robert Townley 202; Robert Arnold 201.

- IMMC Wednesday Mixed— Jim Lin 222, and 633 series; Bob Lang 225, and 583 series; Brenda Jensen 205; Sandra Rosenblum 202, and 552 series; Harry Evans 241, and 583 series; Denise Askew 200, and 524 series.

(Editor's note: Rocket Lanes is now forming summer leagues. Look for the signup sheets at the door or call 881-1780.)

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- RSA Club— The Redstone Arsenal Club will host the Quarterly Birthday Night for members and their spouses. If your birthday is in March, April or May, come and join us for the birthday bash on May 27 at 6 p.m. The dinner is free for those members with birthdays, additional persons are \$12.95 each. The birthday celebration will be in full swing with the Sentimental Journey Band playing your favorite tunes. For more information, call 830-CLUB.

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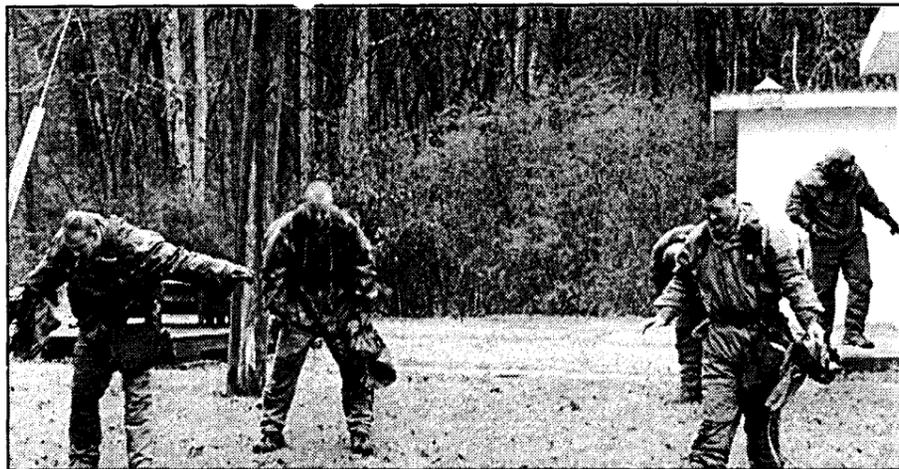
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As we formed up to march to our next station we were able to take off our masks and keep them off for the duration of the next training task. Task 3 was the care and maintenance of the M-40 mask and the decontamination of the skin while in Mopp-4. When we reached the tent, we piled in and paid close attention to the cadre who were teaching the lessons on the different methods for that station. All of the information and classes that we had been taught in BCT were being taught to us again, so everyone knew what the sergeant was talking about.

The last and final task for us to complete was to play volleyball and badminton in Mopp Level 4 gear. This was no easy task because the mopp gear made it hard to see as well as move, especially in the mud. But

most of us survived; some had to low crawl in the mud as well as roll in the stuff because they were not doing what they were supposed to do. We then disassembled an M-16 A2 with full mopp gear on and then were told to reassemble the rifle in the same manner.

After the last station, we then formed back up into our platoons and started to get ready to march back to the company to be briefed. The road march back was a little harder due to the fact that we were in mopp Level 3. Many were struggling on the trip back but all in all we did make it back as a whole largely due to teamwork and motivation. When we arrived back at the company, we were given AAR from the commander and the first sergeant about what we could do differently to the training and what we did or did not like on the training site. When it comes down to it, Bravo Company is the best; we set the standard above the rest!



Bravo Company photo

YUCK— Exiting the gas chamber after getting a whiff of tear gas are, from left, PFC William Gomes, Pvt. Daniel Swartzlander and Pvt. James Lehman.

(Editor's note: Pvt. Kopp is an advanced individual training soldier in B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion attending schooling for 27E Tow/Dragon repairer. He participated in the company's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical—NBC — train-

ing March 13. All hazards used in this exercise were simulated, except for the CS—more commonly known as tear gas — used in the gas chamber for the mask confidence exercise.)

COUNTRY

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have your songs copyrighted.

"I'm in the process of opening my own publishing company. To have your own company, though, you have to be cleared through ASCAP. I'm almost cleared now.

"Also, if you want to do a song in Nashville, you have to 'chart it,'" Clements continued. "'Charting your song' simply means converting the music into a Nashville numbering system.

"Most of the bands in Nashville are

capable of playing any song using the numbering system. Most major artists are also writers, and they still have to have demos made and get their songs charted. Charting a song only costs about \$5.

"This is another prime example of why you should always join professional songwriters associations. They can lead you step-by-step through all the procedures. They can tell you how to do your demo; about the certain type and certain label you have to have on it. The copyright seal—everything.

"You don't just put your demo in a brown paper bag and send it to a publisher,"

Clements said. "If you do, it will be trashed. You have to get the attention of the publisher and this means everything has to be done in a professional manner."

Clements not only writes songs and sings them, he plays the guitar and a keyboard (synthesizer) "enough to get by." He calls his band the "Hard At It Band."

His band is made up of a group of professional musicians who work very hard to please their audiences. They play a variety of music, including the oldies, '50s and '60s rock and roll, country, and popular.

"We have some of the finest Nashville players in the band," Clements said. "We're available for parties, weddings, and other social events."

For more information, or to book Clements and his "Hard At It Band," call (256) 753-6224. Also, Clements will be happy to share more of his expertise with anyone wanting more information about breaking into the country music business. He may be contacted through his e-mail address, Will4music.mindspring.com.



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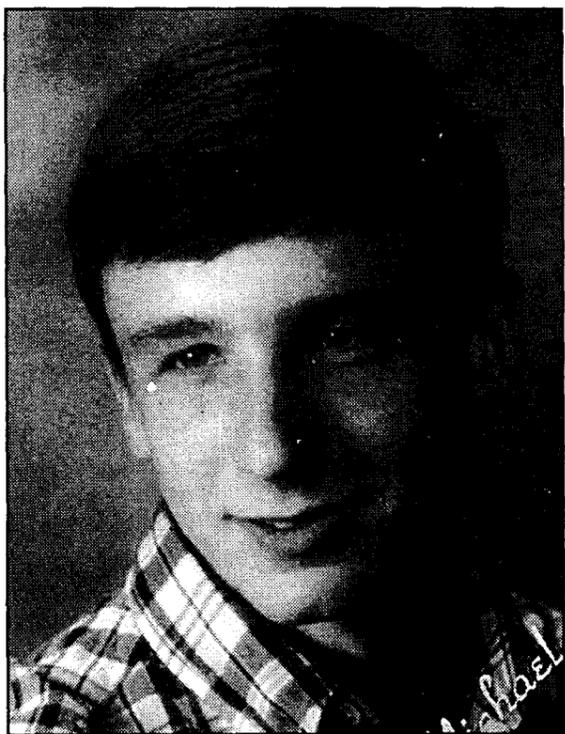
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Future airman...

Michael Lowery, son of Malcolm and Sharon Lowery, has been accepted to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. Michael graduates from Johnson High School next month and will report to the Academy on July 18. His father works in the graphics department at Corporate Information Center; and his mother is a Huntsville teacher.

COMIC

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and involved in the newspaper game. His father was the news editor for The Huntsville Times. His sister earned a degree in journalism.

Cox began his news writing career in school working with the school newspapers then moving on to report high school sporting events for The Huntsville Times. He also worked as a reporter for the University of Alabama newspaper while attending college. He joined the Marine Corps and worked in public relations for the Franklin D. Roosevelt Aircraft Carrier. He came to work at Redstone as a civilian in 1979.

Besides his work on his own publication, he writes a serious news column for the digital publication, Apple Wizards, dealing with Apple computers issues.

"News Briefs does serve as a creative vent and I do like making people laugh but my real goal for the paper is to make money," Cox said.

Money is made through selling advertising in his publication. In the past he has mostly sold space to online magazines but is hoping that as his readership grows, so will his ad revenues.

"We're making enough to cover the cost and maybe just a little over that, but there is great potential for this market."

For anyone looking to start the day off with a smile, a quick visit to News Briefs might be just the thing you need. The address is, www.newsbriefs.net.

SILO

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missile consisting of an Exo-atmospheric Kill Vehicle on a multiple-stage solid rocket booster. It also includes the necessary command, launch and ground support equipment.

When the missile is launched, the rocket boosters fire, sending the attached pod or "kill vehicle" into outer space where it will meet and destroy the target. The sensors within the missile detect and decipher information about the target to assure the "kill."

The "eyes" of the system, the Ground Based Radar, is capable of precision, long-range detection, acquisition, tracking and classification of strategic ballistic missile target suites. It will also provide kill assessment data.

The "brain" of the system, the Battle Management, Command, Control and Communications, provides the equipment, communications, operations, procedures and personnel essen-

tial for planning, directing and controlling operations. It is also involved with mission and engagement planning, situation assessment, system responses and controlling system assets.

Boeing has three years to pull the program together, demonstrate an ICBM defense capability and to be able to deploy an initial defense capability within another three to five years. The Deployment Readiness Review is scheduled for June 2000. That's when Boeing has to show the BMDO that the NMD program can and will do what it was designed to do—protect the United States.

The first missile or GBI to be placed in the Huntsville silo is currently under construction at Redstone Arsenal. If, after the Review in 2000, the BMDO decides to deploy the system, production of the live missiles will take place on Redstone Arsenal at the old Thiokol facility. The facility is currently undergoing renovation to prepare for production of the missiles.

As the Lead System Integrator, or

prime contractor, Boeing is working with contractors across the country to develop the software and hardware to bring this program to life.

Simulations and testing will begin on the missile as soon as the silo is completed. The silo will also be used for operations training which will include the use of large equipment items needed for transporting and installing the canister missile into the silo.

Live fire testing off the coast of California is scheduled within the next year.

The deployment of NMD program will be limited to one location in the U.S. with a cluster of missiles located at the chosen site. The decision to deploy (put the program into action for our defense), or not to deploy will not come until the review in 2000. Sites in Alaska and North Dakota are being considered as deployment sites.

Boeing's \$1.6 billion contract is only for the initial development and testing of the system. Follow-on activities could total \$5.2 billion for the total contract.

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Huntsville Corps of Engineers among honorees...

Army announces '99 selections for best communities awards

By Connie E. Dickey

WASHINGTON — Fort Benning, Ga., has won the Commander-in-Chief's Army Communities of Excellence award this year. This is the fourth time since the program began 10 years ago that Fort Benning has taken the top award in the competition.

The competition is voluntary and all installations compete against each other, regardless of size, said ACOE Program Manager, Maj. John Price. This year there were 29 applicants vying for the award which is based on the Army performance improvement criteria. There is one CinC winner, with 13 Chief of Staff of the Army winners and 14 finalists.

An award ceremony will be held in the Pentagon courtyard May 6.

The criteria serves as a "blueprint" for assessing any organization's performance and is an adaptation of the Malcolm

Baldrige National Quality Award criteria used widely by private sector corporations to gauge performance, Price said.

Some of the categories included in the APIC are customer-driven quality, leadership, long-range view of the future and partnership development.

According to an information paper from Fort Benning, the installation recognized that soldiers are Fort Benning's most important product and at the same time, its most important customer. With that in mind and to focus on customers, Fort Benning developed a simple model as a tool to assist in focusing its approach to quality by asking seven questions: What do you do? For whom do you do it? Who helps you do it? Why do you do it? How well do you do it? Who else does it? How can you do it better?

The installation's efforts have also

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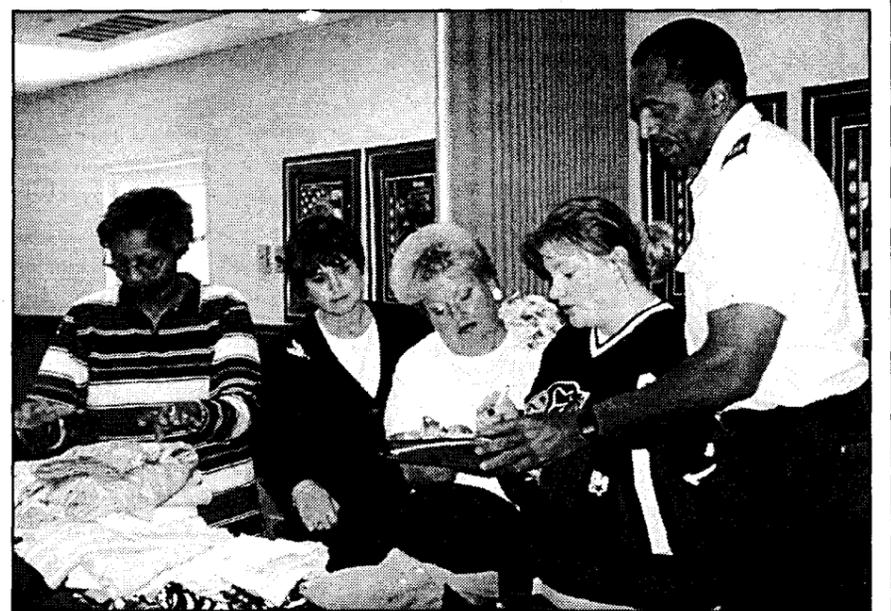


Photo by June Johns

Community outreach...

Clothing and many other items were donated through a community outreach project in support of the four military families who lost their homes in a four-plex fire April 12. Sorting

through the contributions Friday at Army Community Service are, from left, Melody Davis, Sue Paddock, Ann Owens, Melissa Hornback, and Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett.

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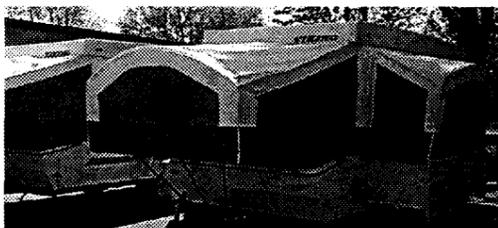


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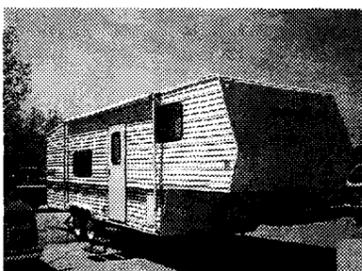
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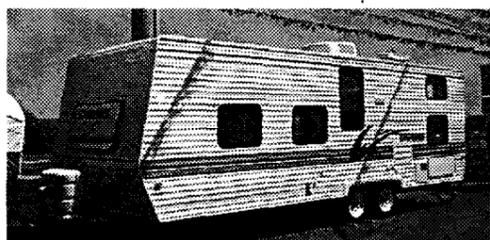
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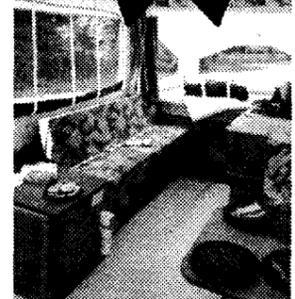


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Clinton signs order declaring Yugoslavia combat zone

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON — President Clinton signed the executive order April 13 declaring the area around Yugoslavia a combat zone. This gives U.S. servicemembers serving in Operation Allied Force some tax breaks.

The executive order details the combat zone as the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Kosovo), Albania, the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea (above the 39th parallel). The effective date for the combat zone is March 24. The combat zone also includes the air above the area.

The designation also gives qualified servicemembers imminent danger pay of \$150 per month.

Servicemembers in combat in the area

do not have to pay 1999 federal income tax on their pay for the months they are in the combat zone. DoD officials said any presence in the combat zone qualifies a service member for a tax benefit for the month. For example, the crew aboard a tanker flying over the Adriatic Sea for one mission April 14, would not pay federal taxes for April. Reservists called to active duty receive the same benefit, officials said.

Enlisted personnel will pay no tax on their pay for the month they are in the combat zone. Commissioned officers can exclude a certain amount of pay from taxes. The amount of exclusion is tied to the highest enlisted salary plus imminent danger pay. Thus, officers must pay taxes on any pay in excess of \$4,653 per month (highest

enlisted pay \$4,503 plus \$150). Officials said no taxes would be withheld from the pay of servicemembers who qualify.

The tax exclusion does not apply to DoD civilians working in the combat zone. Nor does the exclusion apply to support personnel who are not receiving imminent danger pay. So, for example, an airman loading ordnance aboard an F-16 in Aviano does not qualify for the tax exclusion. A B-52 bomber crew flying missions out of RAF Fairford, U.K., would. So, the typical servicemember supporting Allied Force from Italy and Germany would not receive this tax benefit.

Sailors aboard ships in the Adriatic or Ionian seas will receive the tax benefit and imminent danger pay.

The second benefit is an extension for filing their 1998 federal income tax returns. Under existing law servicemembers and DoD civilians serving outside the United States on April 15 have an automatic two month extension for filing their income tax returns. But those servicemembers and DoD civilians serving in or supporting units in the combat zone will get an additional extension of as much as 180 days from when they leave the area or the combat zone designation ends.

Servicemembers with questions should contact their local military personnel offices, unit tax advisers or installation finance offices. (American Forces Press Service)

FIRE

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marked off with yellow police-tape. He told an observer that the contents inside apartments B and C were destroyed except for Bibles belonging to the occupants.

The fire victims were identified as Spec. Mario Middleton of HHC 59th; PFC Vaygen Trimble of HHC AMCOM, a military policeman whose 3-year-old son, Vonye, discovered the fire; Sgt. Elizabeth Fisher of HHC 59th; and Spec. Karen Saffari of MEDDAC. They had resided in relatively-new housing which opened in 1995 for junior enlisted families.

Efforts began almost immediately from both on post and in Huntsville to assist the families.

"The day of the fire, that evening, ACS (Army Community Service) and Red Cross cut a check for \$500 to each of the families themselves," CSM Timothy Ayers, the command sergeant major for Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade, said.

Also, the Sergeants Major Association gave a check for \$250 to each family for emergency needs. The Post Exchange provided gift certificates and other support.

"The employees on their own are organizing a clothing drive and taking up monetary donations for all the families," Kim Sumpter, sales and merchandise manager at the PX, said.

There were many other contributors as well; and all the major departments at OMMCS took up a collection.

"All the money we're collecting right now will be fun-

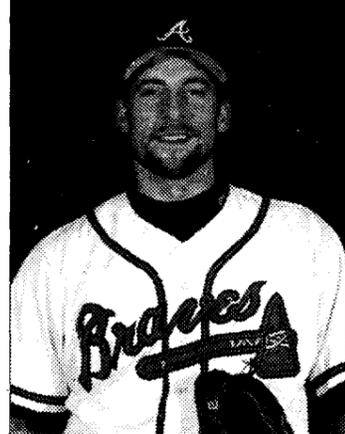
neled to ACS for equal distribution to all the families," Ayers said. "There's also money coming in from outside the Redstone community that will be funneled to ACS also. There's a multitude of things going on right now in several different arenas."

Maj. Janice Smith, the provost marshal, said Trimble's 3-year-old son, who discovered the fire, was a hero for his actions. Vonye was riding his tricycle when he saw the fire and alerted his father.

"If it was not for that little boy, he and his dad probably would've never gotten out of that house," Smith said.

People have contributed furniture, clothing and money to the Trimble family as well as the other families.

"I feel that it is a great blessing," Smith said. "This community has really rallied around the family."



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"Our theme, 'Pride in Professionalism,' expresses our commitment toward increasing our skills and competencies," Billie Willey, IAAP 1998-99 international president, said. "We want business and the public to recognize that administrative support staff view their work as a profession."

WINNERS

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resulted in the post being recognized as a 1997 Presidential Quality Award winner and a 1998 Georgia Oglethorpe State Quality Award winner.

CSA winners are XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Carson, Colo.; III Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Hood, Texas; 279th Base Support Battalion, Bamberg, Germany; Camp Humphreys, South Korea; TACOM-Armament Research Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.; Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Huntsville Center, Ala.; the 10th Area Support Group, Okinawa, Japan; Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Detrick, Md.;

Maryland Army National Guard; 412th Engineer Command, Vicksburg, Miss.

CSA finalists are U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Monroe, Va.; 235th Base Support Battalion, Ansbach and Illeshem, Germany; 409th Base Support Battalion, Vilseck, Germany; Camp Red Cloud, Uijongbu, South Korea; U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, South Korea; Watervliet Arsenal, N.Y.; Savannah District, Ga.; Waterways Experimentation Station, Vicksburg, Miss.; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, Schofield, Hawaii; Louisiana Army National Guard; Texas Army National Guard; Fort Dix, N.J.; 7th Army Reserve Command, Schwetzingen, Germany. (Arnews)

Announcements

Sports & Recreation

Brotherhood 5K

The annual Brotherhood Run 5K will be held May 22 at building 3440 across from Pagano Gym. Trophies will be awarded for the first three places in each age group: 19-under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50-over. Fee is \$10 before April 23 or \$12 thereafter and race day. Registration starts at 8 a.m., with the race at 9:30. For more information call MSgt. Battle 842-2234, MSgt. McGuire 876-6427 or 1st Lt. Coe 842-0585.

Fun Run/walk

The AER Fun Run/Walk will be held from 1-3 p.m. May 4 at Burose Road and entrance into Sparkman Center. The event is open to everyone. Proceeds will benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund. There will be door prizes for those who register for this event or make a donation of \$3.

For tickets call Edna Dye, Sparkman Management Office, 876-2029; Jean Evans, Personnel and Training Directorate, 842-0107; Jackie White, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, 876-3591; Margaret Banish-Donaldson, Public Affairs Office, 842-0558; April Brooks, Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, 842-6944; Janice Powell, Secretary of the General Staff, 876-1770; Dorothy Hosea, Protocol, 876-7138; or Jean Hicks, Safety Office, 876-2944.

Golf tournament

The annual ASMC Golf Tournament will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Redstone Golf Course. Green fees are \$15 military or \$16 civilian; cart is \$8; and non-member entry fee, \$5. This is a four-men Scramble, best-ball event; mulligans will be sold to help your score. For more information call Pepper Takayama 842-9180, Jackie Shaw 876-8932, Peggy Solomon 955-6948, Tina

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Ladies golf

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold a Beautification Scramble at 1 p.m. May 1 at Redstone Golf Course. Proceeds from this tournament will go toward purchasing flowers, trees and other supplies to help improve the golf course. The tournament is a four-person scramble with A, B, C and D players on each team. Entry fee is \$15. This does not include cart or green fees. Everyone is invited to sign up at the golf course for this event. If you are unable to play in the tournament, a donation may be made through the Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association for Golf Club beautification.

Health/fitness expo

Health & Fitness Expo '99 will take place today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 4752. More than 50 exhibits of health and fitness products and services will be provided by local vendors. Special attractions include: 11 a.m. annual one-mile fitness walk, demonstrations, samples of products to try and buy, door prizes to be given away. This event is sponsored by Marshall Space & Flight Center Medical Center and the NASA Exchange. For more information, call 544-8371.

Boating license

Effective April 28, all persons age 12 and older must be licensed to operate a motorized vessel on Alabama waters. A one-time fee of \$5 will be charged as an application fee if you have a current Alabama driver's license. If you are a non-resident or non-licensed driver, the cost is \$20 for the appli-

cation fee. Applicants must go to the Department of Public Safety Driver's License Examining Office in the county of residence (for Madison County: 1115 Church St.) to make application, take eye exam, pay fees, and successfully complete written/oral exam. (To be exempt from exam applicants must show proof of a valid U.S. Coast Guard Motorboat Operator's License, a U.S. Power Squadron Boating Course, a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Course, any state of Alabama Marine Police Division approved boating course, or was age 40 or older on April 28, 1994.) Applicants will then proceed to the License Commissioners office (there is a branch collocated with the License Examining Office on Church Street) to have the "V" endorsement placed on their driver's license (applicants will be assessed the cost for a new driver's license). Beginning April 28, the Redstone Arsenal Outdoor Recreation center will be required to verify the "V" endorsement on users driver's license before renting a motorized water vessel; or for military personnel and their families from another state stationed in Alabama, possession of a valid water vessel operator's certification issued in their home state. For more information, call the Alabama Marine Police Division (334) 242-3673 or Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

Miscellaneous

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic Community at Bicentennial Chapel announces the following: Rosary is recited daily at 11:30 a.m., followed by either a communion service or Mass at noon.... Latin Mass will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Education committee

The Army Community Service Education Committee serves as a liaison between the Redstone community and the Huntsville City Schools. The committee meets monthly (during the school year) with representatives from the area schools. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited. The next meeting is noon today in the ACS conference room, building 3491. This meeting is open to everyone. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Parents council

The Redstone Arsenal Parent Advisory Council will hold its monthly meeting April 27 at 11 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. "Bring your lunch and join us," a prepared release said. "All patrons with children in CDS (Child Development Services) programs are invited."

School reunion

The Monte Sano Elementary School 40th Reunion community celebration will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 1. For more information, call Cam Scales 536-5101 or Jane Barr 534-5698.

AER book sale

Command Analysis Directorate's annual AER book sale will be held through Friday and April 26-30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, second floor, CAD lobby. "We have lots of romance, sci-fi, mystery, fantasy, and other fiction books, as well as

non-fiction, and textbooks. We also have a small selection of VHS videos, CDs, and cassette tapes. For you collectors out there, we have about 20 BETA movies," a prepared release said. "We are auctioning a set of Time Life WWII books. Book prices range from 25 cents to \$3. VHS videos and CDs are \$1-\$2 each. BETA movies are \$5. Please come to CAD's AER book sale to support a good cause and help the Army care for its own." For more information, call Marla Cobbs 842-9925.

Pet vaccines

The Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Services is offering an evening clinic for pet vaccinations. This month's clinic will be held today from 4-6 p.m. For more information, call the VTF at 876-2441. Services are authorized for active duty and retired military and their ID card carrying dependents.

Photo contest

Huntsville Photographic Society will hold its monthly photograph competition meeting at 7 p.m. April 26 in the auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. This month's competition is open to any topic. Visitors are welcome; there is no charge, but only members may compete.

Bible study

Bible Study is held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the back room of Bicentennial Chapel. Free hamburgers are served. Both civilian and military are invited. For more information, call 955-4086.

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PX news

Spec. Ryan C. King has won a 32-inch color television in the Jim Beam Sweepstakes at Redstone One-Stop.

New parent support

The New Parent Support Program is again offering client services to military families at Redstone Arsenal. The NPSP is a professional team of social workers and nurses who provide supportive and caring services to military families with children from birth to age 6. These services are free and include prenatal education, infant care classes, parenting classes, referrals, home visits and play mornings. The play mornings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 beginning April 27 at 1220-B LaCrosse Drive. For more information, call 876-2798 or 842-8375 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mechanical engineers

Dan Dumbacher, deputy director of Marshall Space Flight Center's Propulsion Lab, will speak to the North Alabama Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Research Institute, room M-50. The topic of the meeting is "VentureStar: Next Generation Spacecraft." Cost is \$10, which includes dinner. RSVP to Roy Werber 971-9880, ext. 235.

Alumni council

The North Alabama Alumni Council, a newly-formed nonprofit organization consisting of graduates from historically black colleges and universities, will sponsor a Recruitment Roundup from noon-3 Saturday at Louis Crews Stadium, tailgate area, Alabama A&M University. Food and

refreshments will be served.

Memorial scholarship

Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association may award up to three scholarships of \$1,000 each to college students pursuing a degree related to contract or procurement management or to NCMA members pursuing the UAH Contract Management Certificate Program. Applications are due by May 31. For more information, call Patsy Robinson 837-8004.

Thrift Shop jobs

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Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting May 20 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Marvin Whitted 842-2879.

Doughnut sale

The AER Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale will be held at 7 a.m. Thursday in building 5300, first floor.

Asian Pacific month

The Asian Pacific American Program Committee will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday in the EEO Office conference room, building 5300, room 5130, to discuss plans for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Program celebration in May. "Your support and ideas are needed to plan an outstanding program for this upcoming event," a prepared release said. "It is requested that committee members and interested employees plan to attend with your supervisor's approval." For more information call Clarenza Clark, Asian Pacific American Program manager, 313-2825.

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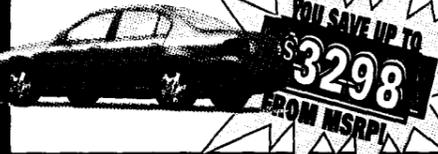
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